



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, kindly reconsider and reexamine the following claims and consider the appended remarks. A petition for extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date shown below.

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